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2 11 Shore Pine
3 Newport Beach CA 92657

4 **U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT**

5 **DISTRICT OF OREGON**

6 1001 SW 5th Ave #700 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 326-1500

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8 In Re: Peter Szanto, Debtor

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10 **16-bk-33185-pcm7**

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12 **And all Related Adversarial Actions**

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14 **Peter Szanto's Notice of Motion**
and Emergency Motion for Stay

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16 **HEARING REQUESTED**

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18 **1. Plaintiff's Certification Relating to Pre-filing Conferral**
(Certification Pursuant to LBR 7007-1 (a))

19 Between June 17 and June 21, 2019, during regular business hours, Debtor
20 telephoned the various counsel opposing him: Mr. Laurick, Mr. Smith, Mr. Henderson,
21 Mr. Cunningham, Ms Amborn, Mr. Uhl and the various other counsel shown on the
22 proof of service. Debtor sought to discuss the instant application for stay based on
23 Debtor's vsrious upcoming health issues.

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25 Debtor's calls went to voice mail or message taking secretaries. Debtor stated
26 that he was asking for a return phone call to discuss very important health matters

1 related directly to trial in the instant case. Debtor sought actually to speak with these
2 counsel, because of the grave and urgent importance of the matters herein. Since those
3 calls, no counsel has called, nor even tried to call Debtor.

4 Therefore, pursuant to rule **LBR 7007-1 (a)**, Debtor has sought conferral so
5 as to resolve the issues to be presented here, but has been unsuccessful in resolution
6 of the matter at issue.

7 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States,
8 that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed at Irvine CA.
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11 DATED June 24/2019 /s/ *Signed electronically* Peter Szanto
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15 **2. NOTICE PER LBR 9013-1(b)**
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18 **Notice!!! If you oppose the proposed course of action or relief sought in this**
19 **motion, you must file a written objection with the bankruptcy court no later than 14 days after the**
20 **date listed in the certificate of service below. If you do not file an objection, the court may grant**
21 **the motion without further notice or hearing. Your objection must set forth the specific grounds**
22 **for objection and your relation to the case. The objection must be received by the clerk of court at**
23 **** 1050 SW 6th Ave - Room #700 Portland OR 97204 ** by the deadline specified above or it**
24 **may not be considered. You must also serve the objection on Peter Szanto at 11 Shore Pine,**
25 **Newport Beach CA 92657 within that same time. If the court sets a hearing, you will receive a**
26 **separate notice listing the hearing date, time, and other relevant information.**
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3. Notice

To the Court, creditors and plaintiffs, please take notice, comes now Debtor seeking stay of the proceedings herein based on the facts of his current health crisis and mental anguish more fully described herein.

4. Facts

On June 17, 2019, Debtor reported to this Court that he had received very negative news from his surgeon and physician regarding the metastasis of his melanoma to his intestines. The news related to exploratory surgery which occurred on June 13th. [EXHIBIT A]

When the news was delivered to Debtor orally, Debtor was, for lack of better description, “blown-away” by the seriousness, tenor and gravity of his surgeon’s voice and phraseology. Again, lacking a better analogy, Debtor was immediately filled with extreme fear and terror when told of the high likelihood that he will likely die within the next month.

Debtor's physician and surgeon counseled and recommended that more thorough and extensive surgery be conducted as soon as possible and so scheduled a further 8 hour procedure for July 10th.

Debtor's immediate reaction was to seek a stay in adversarial case # 16-3114. In that case, hard deadlines are approaching within the next 30 days and Debtor sought to make sure that his precious trial preparation time was not wasted – and that his medical crisis did not impair his evidence gathering activities and meeting with witnesses.

1 However, as a matter of fact, Debtor has been made entirely besides
2 himself in terms of fear and terror as to the events to unfold in the near future.
3 The need to relate the bad news to Debtor's wife and children was imperative:
4 delaying unhappy facts creates additional unnecessary fright and stress.

5 When Debtor approached the Court for a stay of Adversarial 16-3314
6 proceedings, the Court denied that request on the notions that: 1) Debtor has
7 asked for other delays¹, 2) Debtor's health issues were not corroborated.²

8 1. *While it is true that Debtor has asked for extensions of time, Debtor*
9 *contends that his extension requests (delays) are no more extensive*
10 *than others to this case: for example, a) Mr. Henderson received a*
11 *lengthy **undocumented** extension based on the alleged death of his*
12 *father in law; b) Victor Szanto and Evye Szanto also received several*
13 *undocumented extensions in October 2017 and January 2019 on their*
14 *need for vacations; c) Mr. Laurick received a 90 day extension to figure-*
15 *out how to unlock the password of discovery he had sent to Debtor; d)*
16 *Mr. Smith is now at 17 months of delay in providing the perjured and*
17 *spoliated materials whereby Ms McClurg defrauded Judge McKittrick into*
18 *the GRANT of conversion. In the context of disparity of treatment*
19 *granted to others, Debtor's requests for extensions are very de minimis.*

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23 2. *Apparently Judge McKittrick's new corroboration metric is **intended to***
24 ***carve out** further disparity of treatment to Debtor alone, because in*
25 ***NONE OF THE CONTRA PARTY REQUESTS STATED IN Footnote 1***
26 ***DID ANY OF THE CONTRA PARTIES NEED TO PROVIDE ANY***
27 ***PROOF WHATSOEVER.***

1 In furtherance of affirmative documentary corroboration, Debtor
2 provides the instant official medical record [EXHIBIT A].
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4 These are Debtor's official medical records. Regarding the surgery
5 which occurred on June 13th. Other documents will be supplied in further
6 corroboration as additional evidence becomes available, or if the present
7 materials are insufficient.
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9 Additional photos of the cancer inside of Debtor as shown on [EXHIBIT
10 A, pages 3 and 4] are available, but are of a highly frightening and bloody
11 nature. However, if further corroboration is desired, they will be produced.
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13 To summarize: Page 1 shows the presence of an anesthesiologist
14 which is proof that this was very serious surgery and not
15 an infected zit popped and treated in a doctor's office.
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17 Page 1 shows a diagram of Debtor's lower intestine
18 with 15 areas of present cancer infection shown.
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20 Page 2 contains physician commentary. Materials
21 crossed off are done so for privacy concerns mandated
22 by Health Information privacy rules. See www.hhs.gov.
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24 Page 3 and 4 are photos of cancer presently growing
25 in Debtor's intestines. Other photos are available, but
26 the two presented are the least shockingly gory.
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28 Page 5 is the tracking of Debtor's heart rate during the
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1 procedure.
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3 (Examined carefully, the two times Debtor's blood
4 pressure dropped to dangerously low levels can be seen.)
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6 Page 6 contains the pre-procedure medication record
7 which evidences Debtor's need for pain-relief medication
8 every 2 hours. This can be adduced from standard
9 surgery protocols which bar all medications other than
10 those needed to abate intense pain.
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12 As to the surgery scheduled for July 10th, Debtor is endeavoring to
13 obtain documentation which will evidence that procedure. However, as may
14 be expected, hospitals are not in the business of documenting events which
15 have not yet happened. Debtor is working to resolve this problem.
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17 **a. Significance of Evidence Presented**
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19 Debtor consulted his physician as to what material the doctor believed
20 would most easily and readily demonstrate his health prognoses based on the
21 June 13th procedure, but still comply with the Health Privacy Act when placed
22 into the public record. Materials presented here are based on Debtor's
23 physician's recommendation.
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27 The material presented allows examination and ready realization that
28 Debtor is a very sick and dying man.

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2 ***b. Debtor's Need for a Stay***

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4 Debtor's July 10th surgery will be here in 2 weeks. Debtor is required
5 to take various radioactive substances so as fully to mark the various cancers
6 so that their removal will be complete. These surgery specific materials impair
7 Debtor's physical strength, stamina and mental acuity. Debtor's ability to focus
8 and concentrate for trial preparation is very impaired – and Debtor simply
9 cannot work on trial preparation or other tasks with focus and presence of
mind he usually has.

10 Additionally, with 2 weeks to Debtor's possible death, it is Debtor's
11 intent to visit friends, make final amends³, engage in intense prayer and
12 attempt not to be more "freaked-out" than he already is.

13 This is Debtor's extreme crisis – and he will provide more and further
14 corroboration as soon as practicable and as may be demanded of him.

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16 3. *Since Debtor has no other manner than the instant footnote to
17 communicate with his siblings, he does so here. Debtor invites his
18 brothers or sister or their spouses to call him to make an effort at final
19 resolution of their disputes.*

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3 **5. MEMORANDUM**

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6 In *Landis v. North American Co.* (1936) 299 U.S. 248, 254, Mr. Justice
7 Cardozo wrote:

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10 the power to stay proceedings is incidental to the
11 power inherent in every court to control the
12 disposition of the causes on its docket

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14 In the present circumstances, Debtor has a medical crisis of grave,
15 life-terminating and extremely immediate magnitude.

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17 A stay is necessary to maintain an equitable balance between the
18 parties, because at the present time, Debtor simply cannot work on the
19 various cases proceeding before this Court, because he lacks the strength
20 to do so.

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22 Debtor's request for stay is straightforward. After July 10th, Debtor's
23 recuperation will be 4-6 weeks (if he survives). Debtor would suggest a
24 stay until September 1st, at which time matters can be scheduled to move
25 forward.

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28 **a. Legal Standard for Stay**

29 The legal standard for a stay requires that the "the movant must make
30 out a clear case of hardship . . . to go forward."

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32 *LaSala v. Needham & Co., Inc.* (2005) 399 F.Supp.2d 421, 427

Here, Debtor has explained his medical crisis.

Debtor has provided such documentary evidence and photos as will readily communicate the depth of his crisis without violation of health privacy laws.

The present crisis is by its essential definition “a clear case of hardship,” (*ibid*). Potential death is the ultimate hardship. By its nature there is no greater hardship than death.

b. *Extreme Good Cause: Debtor May Die*

There is one foundational forewarning regarding treatment of all cancers: early detection, early treatment are essential to survival.

Debtor has been battling melanoma since 2014 through medical treatments of chemotherapy and surgery. Regardless of the battle until now, Debtor faces further life-erasing challenges. Debtor can not conceive of any other strategy than trying to survive.

Upon that basis, Debtor seeks a stay so that he may pursue surgery to seek to maintain his health and survival, without fear that he will lose the essential time necessary to continue preparation for trial in the several instant cases.

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3 **c. Good Cause – Complexity of the Issues**

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7 Because of the complexity of the issues in this Bankruptcy and
8 because Debtor's current medical crises cause him to be unable to continue
9 researching and writing his various papers, debtor must request a stay so
10 as to complete his work at some later time.

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13 One measure of good cause is to project matters to be presented
14 in light of the complexity of the issues, because that is the only way in
15 which the facts and law of a case can be fully developed and be
16 competently applied to one-another. *Kifafi v. Hilton Hotels Retirement Plan*
17 (2011) 826 F.Supp. 2nd 55, 58.

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19 Here, debtor contends that it is good cause for a stay because he
20 seeks fully to develop his defenses, which he cannot do while impaired by
21 his present immense fear of death.

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23 Thereupon, debtor asks a stay, so to properly develop the facts,
24 evidence and law for trial preparation when he is more fully able to do so.

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26 **d. Decision on Merits Rather than Technicalities is**

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28 **Also Good Cause for Extension**

29 The U.S. Supreme Court has directed Federal Courts to decide
30 cases on their merits, not constraining technicalities. *Foman v Davis* (1962)
31 371 U.S. 178, 182 accord *Conley v. Gibson*, (1957) 355 U.S. 41,47.

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1 The standard of the Court of Appeal's procedure for weighing
2 merits versus technicalities has been expressed as:
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4 This court "has a duty to ensure that pro se
5 litigants do not lose their right to a hearing on the
6 merits of their claim due to ignorance of technical
7 procedural requirements."

8 *Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Department* (1990) 901 F.2nd 696, 699

9 Here, debtor is proceeding *pro se*. Debtor's needing a stay to
10 complete trial preparation is merely a technicality of the life process:
11 people get sick – it would be an abomination if illness were routinely used
12 as justification to deprive a person of time to prepare for trial. Debtor's
13 illness and upcoming surgery should not become the time constraints
14 which defeat Debtor's efforts.

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17 **6. Declaration of Peter Szanto**

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19 1. My name is Peter Szanto and this is my truthful declaration.
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21 2. I verify that all of the statements made in this application are true of
22 my own personal knowledge or are based on sources and evidence
23 which I believe to be true.
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25 3. I am facing surgery which may result in my death on July 10th.
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27 4. I am preparing for that surgery pursuant to my surgeon and
28 physicians' instructions, but am nevertheless strained and
 frightened by the possibility of my death.

1 5. That surgery preparation will constrain my ability to prepare for trial,
2 because the regimen of chemotherapy impairs my ability to think
3 clearly and weakens my strength so as to make travel to locales
4 where I can obtain the evidence necessary for trial difficult and
5 prohibitive (physically impossible).

6 6. There are numerous other strains and fears of a much deeper
7 personal fear and psychological terror dimension which also limit my
8 ability to prepare for trial.

9 7. [EXHIBIT A, photos on pages 3 and 4] are photos of cancer
10 intrusion in my intestines as photographed during my surgery on
11 June 13, 2019.

12 8. The pain from my intestinal cancers necessitates my taking pain
13 killer medication every two hours.

14 9. I am also taking various radioactive isotope markers in preparation
15 for surgery; these chemicals impair my strength and ability to
16 concentrate.

17 10. I am unable to concentrate on trial preparation at the present
18 time, because of the various medications I am taking AND the
19 immense stress I am undergoing in anticipation of death.

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22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United
23 States the foregoing is true and correct. Signed at Irvine CA.
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27 DATED 24 June 2019 /s/signed electronically Peter Szanto
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2 **7. Conclusion**
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5 Debtor asks for a stay of the proceedings herein and in the
6 related adversarial proceedings pending further knowledge and certainty
7 regarding his health until 6 weeks after his upcoming surgery set for July
8 10th.
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10 Respectfully,
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13 DATED 24 June 2019 /s/signed electronically Peter Szanto
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PROOF of SERVICE

My name is Maquisha Reynolds, I am over 21 years of age and not a party to the within action. My business address is PO Box 14894, Irvine CA 92623. On the date indicated below, I personally served the within:

Notice of Motion and Motion for Stay on the following by placing the described documents in postage pre-paid envelopes and mailing the same as follows:

- a. Internal Revenue Service, PO Box 7346, Philadelphia PA 19101
- b. First Service Residential, 15241 Laguna Canyon Rd, Irvine CA 92618
- c. JPMorgan Chase Bank, represented by:
 - Gadi Shahak c/o Shapiro & Sutherland
 - 1499 Tech Center Place, Suite 255 , Vancouver, WA 98683
- d. Bank of America, c/o McCarthy & Holthus 920 SW 3rd Av.,
 - Portland OR 97204
- e. Oregon Department of Revenue, 955 Center St., Salem OR 97301
- f. Chapter 7 Trustee, C. Amborn, PO Box 580, Medford OR 97502
- g. Susan Szanto - 11 Shore Pine, Newport Beach CA 92657
- h. Office of the US Trustee, 620 SW Main Street, Suite 213, Portland, OR 97205

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed at Irvine CA.

Dated 6/24/ 2019 /s/ *signed electronically* M. Reynolds